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SUBJECT: ALLEGED BOOK CENSORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF CHILE,
VALPARAISO

REFS: (A) STATE 191201 (B) SANTIAGO 5459

1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD RUMOR THAT BOOKS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM UNIVERSITY OF CHILE LIBRARY IN VALPARAISO AND BURNED. SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT A RELIABLE FRIEND ON THE UNIVERSITY STAFF HAD VERIFIED THAT A NVAL OFFICER "RECENTLY" WENT THROUGH LIBRARY STACKS PULLING BOOKS OFF THE SHELVES. REPORTEDLY BOOKS WERE THEN BURNED. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHICH BOOKS WERE DESTROYED BUT BELIEVED UNIVERSITY RECTOR-DELEGATE MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF INCIDENT, SINCE HIS PERMISSION IS NEEDED TO ENTER SEVERAL AREAS OF LIBRARY.

2. BPAO IN VALPARAISO HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ALLEGATIONS.

3. RADIO MOSCOW AUGUST 19 COMMENTED ON ALLEGED BOOK BURNING IN VALPARAISO.

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4. COMMENT: RUMOR COMES TO US AT THIRD HAND AND A LOW LEVEL.

THIS IS ALL WE HAVE HEARD LOCALLY OF POSSIBLE BOOK BURNING.

5. EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO VERIFY OR DENY AUTHENTICITY
OF DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION. ANTI-JUNTA CHILEAN EXILES ARE CAPABLE
OF FABRICATING SUCH STORIES, AND ONCE SUCH A STORY STARTS
CIRCULATING ABROAD IT SPREADS EASILY IN CHILE. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER,
FIND IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SPEAR HAS RUN INTO SOMETHING REAL.
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